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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have a lot of respect for Microsoft and personally feel there should have never been a lawsuit. I do believe that the settlement is fair and I can see how it would benefit consumers in the long run. My concern is for the threat of additional litigation. How would this impact the future of Microsoft and the economy?

Microsoft did not get off easily. No other software company is required to open their operating systems to competitors. I can't imagine using an Apple computer and being able to access Internet Explorer or Windows Messenger. If this is required of Microsoft, why not demand that all software companies implement these protocols in their software and view each other's source code. Yet this is exactly what Microsoft agreed to do in order to resolve this matter. Isn't that enough?

Let's end this. There are more pressing issues the Government needs to focus on, such as funneling the \$177 million that was spent on the antitrust case into reducing the deficit that is surfacing.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Moore